would be paid @. One lakh each. The persons who were seriously injured would be given Rs. Four thousand and those who received minor injuries would be given Rs. One thousand each as financial assistance. In addition to this, suitable compensation would also be given to those whose properties have been damaged/ destroyed in October and November incidents.

Alleged assault on Babri Masjid

596. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was an attempted assault on Babri Masjid and whether any damage was done to the Masjid on the 30th October or so;

(b) the number of persons killed during the above period and whether it is a fact that the para-military forces were unable to stop fanatics attacking the religious place;

(c) whether the State Government failed in its attempt to anticipate the intentions of the fanatics on both sides and to adopt suitable measures; and

(d) what preventive action Government have taken to preserve the Masjid from the onslaught?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) According to the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, a violent mob attempted to enter the disputed shrine. Despite action by police, some elements managed to enter the disputed site. They were soon pushed out by the police. The State Govt. has reported that some damage was caused to the outer walls of the Masjid. Attempts were also made to damage its domes

According to the State Government 16 persons were killed in the firing incidents at Ayodhya on October 30 and November 2.

(d) Suitable steps have been taken by the State Government to provide the requisite security cover to the Masjid for preserving it from onslaughts.

Issue of Industrial Licences

597. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Industrial licences were issued by Government during the last week of October and first week of November, 1990;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to make an inquiry into the circumstances of issuing licences by flouting rules and established practices; and

(d) if so, by when the inquiry would be completed and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) and (b) During the period 22.10.1990 to 9.11.1990 a total of 27 Industrial Licences and 37 Letters of Intent were issued. The details of these Licences/Letters of Intent are contained in the Annexures. [*See* Appendix CLVI, Annexure No. 20]

(c) The Industrial Licences and Letters of Intent in question have been issued after following the prescribed rules and procedures. However, the details of these licences are being reviewed.

(d) Does not arise.

Political process to solve Punjab problem

598. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have initiated political process to solve the Punjab problem;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and